

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
February 17, 2015

Councilman Manning – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Absent
Councilman Boyer – Present
Councilman Wood – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilwoman Mull – Absent
Councilman Duckwall – Present

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MINUTES

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the Jan 2015 minutes with the following corrections:
Councilman Wiles was appointed to the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Committee,
Regional Planning Committee, Insurance Committee, and the Budget & Wage Committee.
Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 5-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

None

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

REVISED ABATEMENT INDIANA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY

Brooke Robertson, Direction of Business Retention & Expansion MCEDA, brought before the Council a revised abatement request for IMPA. Ms. Robertson provided update figures that reflect a change from a \$2,000,000 million dollar initial investment to a \$3,560,000 investment. The Council would be approving a 10-year personal property tax abatement at 60% per year for the \$3,560,000 investment in the solar farm located at the Peru Utilities Well Field. Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the revised abatement. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 5-0.

SHERIFF PENSION FUND

Sheriff Tim Miller brought before the Council paperwork for the County Policeman Pension Fund. Every 5 years the IRS requires a resubmission of the pension paperwork. There is no increase or decrease in benefits and no fiscal changes. It was explained that the paperwork is required to maintain a favorable tax status. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the paperwork. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 5-0. Councilman Wiles made a motion to allow Councilman Duckwall permission to sign the paperwork on behalf of the Miami County Council. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 5-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilman Duckwall explained that during the 2015 budget adoption there were 2 salaries that were not approved at the correct amounts for Community Corrections. The Director (Angie Bever Bonham) and Field Officer (Sara Adams) are paid based on the state matrix for Probation Officers and receive adjustments that are given by the state, regardless of what the county does or does not give each year. The salaries were originally submitted without the adjustment based on the matrix. The correct salaries for the Director (Angie Bever Bonham) should be \$60,749.78

and Field Officer (Sara Adams) \$43,470.00. Councilman Boyer made a motion to amend the 2015 salary ordinance. Councilman Wood 2nd the motion and it passed 5-0.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Manning stated that the Planning/Zoning Board recently met and had a presentation from American Structurepoint regarding the Comprehensive Plan, but did not take an official action until the Planning/Zoning Board had an opportunity to discuss the plan with the steering committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

TOWN OF MIAMI

Tina Cain, Resident of the Town of Miami, is having issues with water drainage is seeking assistance. Ms. Cain explained that she had gone to the Board of Commissioners meeting and explained the drainage issue and they have agreed to look into the issue, but felt that they needed to speak to any board they could to get direction for help. Ms. Cain stated that the residents believe that a drain tile was hit while the new sewer system was being installed and they are now having watering backing up into their basements and their yards are completely saturated. Ms. Cain also noted that the road (Blake Street) floods when it rains making it challenging to drive through. Commissioner Francis noted that the Board of Commissioners would investigate once the weather is better and they can get a better idea of what is going on and why there is a drainage problem. Commissioner Francis stated that if they were able to find the source they would go back to the consultant who helped with the project and see if they can get the Town of Miami help in correcting the issue, as the county was the pass-through for the project.

COUNTY RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Miami County Recorder, provided the Council with her year-end report of collections.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wood 2nd the motion and it passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Brown
Chief Deputy Auditor